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US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

It has come to my attention that there has been a settlement reached in the Justice Department's case against Microsoft. I would you like to know that I support the settlement, which has been reached by the parties involved.

However, I believe that the case was a waste of the court's time to begin with. There was no need to bring legal action against Microsoft, because they did not commit any crime. They are just a successful company who develop excellent products. I think the terms of the settlement are more than fair and reasonable for the government to accept. For instance, Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price.

Also, I would like to remind you that there will be a three person technical committee established to make sure Microsoft is complying with the settlement, and to aid in the dispute resolution process.

Furthermore, the continued pursuit of legal action against them would just be a waste of time and money. I ask that the Justice Department terminate its efforts to prosecute Microsoft.

Sincerely,

Alvin Pohl